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EDITORIAL

The Summer break is over and we hope our readers enjoyed it as much as we did. For a while we thought there might be an Indian Summer afterwards, but today's rainy and windy conditions make that seem rather unlikely.

This bumper September issue runs to 18 pages plus advertisements. That's nearly 22,000 pieces of paper for our gallant band of volunteer helpers to handle. Even so, more material came in than we could find space for. All good stuff, too, which makes the job of editorial selection a bit tricky. Not that we are complaining. It is good to see so much interest and commitment and talent. Keep it coming, please.

We draw your attention to the Church Clock Appeal on p.8. For most of the past 150 years the clock was wound by a sexton, or some other person, who was paid to do it. That came to an end about 20 years ago and the bell ringers volunteered to take over. They have wound the clock three times a week ever since - unpaid - climbing 40 steps and a ladder and cranking up the two massive weights by hand. Surely the time has come to 'go electric', without altering the historic clock itself in any way. Perhaps the Parish Council will give a lead by overturning its own decision not to contribute.

DIARY

Sept 15 Trade Fair, Windmill Centre 2-9 pm.
16 Holly Tree Club. Outing to Leamington Spa & ASDA Store. Town Hall. 1 pm.
19 Women's Institute, Annual Market. Town Hall. 9.30 am.
19 British Legion. Jefferson Kane.
22 DEDDINGTON NEWS COPY DATE
23 Parish Council. Town Hall. 7.15 pm.
25 Parish Church. Mid-day Prayers.
26 Wesleyan Chapel. All day event at Windmill Centre. Spr: Revd. David Pawson
26 British Legion. Harvest Festival. 6.30 pm.
27 Treasure Hunt. Windmill Capital Fund

Oct 1 Mothers Union AGM. Vicarage. 2 pm.
3 British Legion. Legend.
4 Wesleyan Chapel. Harvest. 11 am and 6 pm.
4 Parish Church. Harvest Festival. 10.30 am, Preacher Revd David Wainwright: followed by Harvest Lunch
10 Orchestral Concert. Parish Church. 7.30 pm. Spirito Ensemble. Tickets from Tuckers
13 Women's Institute. 'The Beauty of Trees', Mr J Bryce. 7.30 pm HTC.
17 British Legion. Shades of Grey.
24 Fire Service Cabaret/Dance. General Foods, Banbury.
27 DEDDINGTON NEWS COPY DATE
28 Parish Council. Town Hall. 7.15 pm.
31 British Legion. Dragonfly.

Nov 28 Grand Raffle and Bazaar in aid of Church Clock Appeal. Primary School: (Time to be announced) See Page 3 for more facts about the clock.

CONTRIBUTORS - PLEASE NOTE NEXT COPY DATE IS 22 SEPTEMBER. NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER SHOULD BE INCLUDED WITH COPY.

D E D D I N G T O N P A R I S H C O U N C I L

REPORT OF MEETING ON 22 JULY 1987

New Councillor - must be elected within 60 days. Election deferred to August PC.

Playgroup - PC impressed with Group's fundraising efforts. Voted nominal donation of £50 to express support.

Cemetery - Undertakers report that removing spoil from grave digging would cost £17 in skip hire each time. PC sceptical.

B4031 Weight Restriction - Should be operational early in 1988.

Castle Grounds - Cllr Allen has cut grass around playground equipment: repairs to swings to be put in hand. Molecatcher should take first remedial action this week. Nettles are spreading beyond banks: to be cut back 4ft.

Litter bins - Cllr Mrs Swash reported that 3 bins had been sponsored for Deddington and '1½' for Clifton. PC suggested locating 2 bins in Market Place and one in Horsefair. Vote of thanks to sponsors.

Windmill Centre - Charity Commissioners response on lease is still awaited after 3 months. Phase II development - discussion deferred to closed session at end of meeting. PC shared concern expressed by Cricket Club and others that replacement recreational facilities by Rockwell must be (a) guaranteed (b) suitable.

Planning
- St John's Way - granny flat over garage: no objection
- Windmill Phase II (outline) - no objection. Cllr Hayward declared an interest
- Bowls Club - new hut: no objection
- Manor Farmhouse Clifton - 1½ acre lake: no objection. Cllr Fenemore (Chairman) declared an interest
- St John's Way, Hempton - land to south of B4031: proposals re-presented with offer of 'dedicated' land to PC: objection.

Accounts - major items passed for payment were £984.73 repayment on Windmill Centre loan (½ year) and £104.65 Audit Commission.

THE PARISH COUNCIL THEN DECIDED TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION BECAUSE OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE NEXT BUSINESS. This is the Council's own note of what took place.

Windmill Community Centre - Cllr Hayward declared an interest in this matter and retired from the meeting.

Consideration was given to the notes on a meeting between Rockwell and officers of the Council concerning the proposed contract for the land exchange.

Arising from the discussion RESOLVED that (a) approximately twenty per centum of the houses be a type for first-time buyers; (b) the boundary between the land and the Centre be further investigated owing to its proximity; (c) the existing defects of the hall must be remedied by Rockwell at no cost to the Council; (d) the abortive work in the statement must be specified; (e) the cricket "square" must be square; (f) the detailed Planning application be made in the name of the Council with the saving in cost being paid to the Council. Further RESOLVED that the detail of the contract be advised to the joint consultative committee by the Council's representative at the next Meeting.

REPORT OF MEETING ON 26 AUGUST

New Councillor - Mr George Gibbs was appointed in succession to Cllr George.

Playgroup - PC was thanked for donation of £50. District Council has provided £8,000. The Group received the proceeds of the Oxford United v Deddington Town Centenary football match. Rockwell have offered substantial help in preparing the foundations for the new Hut.

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL - Meeting of 26 August (continued from page 2)

Castle Grounds - The molecatcher's work was carried out but the moles have returned to the football pitch. PC Chairman will pursue with the molecatcher. The pavilion is being renovated on an MSC Community Programme Scheme, using materials supplied by Parish. Further attention is needed to the play area and equipment. Application has been made to the District Council for a 30% grant of £3,000. Further discussion needed on this.

Acorn Stores have applied for liquor licence.

Memorial Seat - The sister of the late Margaret Bedworth wishes to provide in her memory a village seat, near the bus stop, and a cherry tree in the Castle Grounds. PC expressed thanks. Cllr Hayward will advise on siting.

Residential Development - PC has received draft report on residential developments in rural areas in Oxfordshire. The sections affecting Deddington will be circulated.

Boundary Review - no objections received by Boundaries Commission on changes affecting Deddington and Clifton areas, which will now go ahead.

Deddington Hill - Parish Clerk will write to the local authority supporting the petition for restrictions on vehicle overtaking. The limited extension of double white lines near the brow of the hill was noted.

Dog Byelaws - Parish Clerk has completed and returned CDC questionnaire on byelaws against dog fouling. It is clear that Deddington has a problem which needs to be solved. Parish Liaison Committee to discuss: further action to be taken.

Cemetery - Agreed to accept RGS quotation to cut cemetery hedge on inside and roadside. Church Committee to consider what other action is required on hedges and report back.

Parish Liaison Meeting on 10 September to be attended by PC Chairman and Cllr O'Neill.

Litter Bins - 6 bins for Deddington and 2 for Clifton have been sponsored and are now to hand. Cllr Mrs Swash and Cllr Marmion to be responsible for locating them.

Local Buses - ORCC has provided information about minibus schemes run by volunteers. Revised Heyfordian and Oxford/Banbury services to be published in local freesheets 'Banbury Cake' and 'Banbury Focus'. PC will continue monitoring services and report on problems.

Windmill Centre - Architect's report still not received: Parish Clerk to pursue. Proposed lease still with Charity Commissioners: Parish Clerk to pursue. Phase II report still awaited from consultants: Parish Clerk to pursue. Maintenance of Centre should be completed by winter. District Council has agreed to provide a further £3,000: use to be decided at next PC meeting.

Planning
- Maunds Farmhouse - appeal has been lodged against rejection of application to retain original access as well as new one.
- 35 St John's Way - lounge extension: PC no objection.
- Wicklewood, Chapman's Lane - double glazed conservatory: PC no objection.
- The Hermitage, Market Place - demolition of lean-to and construction of conservatory: PC no objection.
- The Old Fire Station, Goose Green - window on southern side: PC no objection.

Accounts - Major items passed for payment included £377.20 for Town Hall decoration.

SOME FACTS ABOUT DEDDINGTON CHURCH CLOCK

The clock that shows its three faces on the tower of Deddington Parish Church was made by William Taylor of Oxford in the first part of the 19th century. It was presented to Deddington by the heirs of William Hudson (after whom Hudson Street was named). Before his death in 1832 Hudson had expressed the wish that the old church clock should give place to a better. The dial on the Taylor clock is inscribed 'Thomas Fardon, Clockmaker, Deddington', but he would have been the supplier rather than the actual maker.

C H U R C H A N D C H A P E L

PARISH CHURCH

13 September 8am and 10.30 am Matins
20 September 10.30 am Parish Communion
27 September 8 am and 10.30 am Matins

Every Wednesday 10 am Holy Communion
Friday 25 September 12 noon: mid-day prayers in church

Mothers Union does not meet in September. Next meeting, Thursday 1 October, 2pm at the Vicarage. Annual meeting and Corporate Communion.

Confirmation May I have the names of all likely candidates, adult and children, as soon as possible, for a Confirmation in January.

Harvest Festival 4 October. Service at 10.30 am. Preacher, The Revd David Wainwright, Diocesan Officer for Social Responsibility. Harvest Lunch after the service. Tickets £2.50 adult or £1.50 child from Frankie Cox. Please get your tickets early. We anticipate a sell-out.

Holy Baptism 19 July Samuel James Herring, Old Manor Farm
Jennifer Jessica Louise Boon, Kidlington
Alexander Graham Whiting, Victoria Terrace
16 August Oliver John Francis Neasham, Castle Street

Obituary Mrs Florence Taylor of Hempton Road died on 26 July. Born and brought up at Barford St Michael, she and her family had lived here since 1938. In her later years she was increasingly crippled by arthritis, but she was always bright and cheerful and bore constant pain bravely. She was cared for with great devotion by her family, and our sympathy goes to Percy, Lois and Ernest.

RICHARD HANNAH

WESLEYAN CHAPEL

Bishop Jonah Bedan arrived three days earlier than expected from Eldoret, Kenya. He was on his way to the United States of America and 'stopped off' in England to visit Deddington. To all who planned to meet him on the Wednesday evening and did not hear that arrangements had been changed to the Monday - we can only express our regret. The Bishop's preaching was inspiring and we have invited him to return in 1988.

On Saturday 17 October, Rev Abel (together with two other Ministers) will be flying out to Kenya for four weeks. He will be preaching, teaching and fellowshipping with some 84 churches, most of which are in the bush where villagers have not seen 'white' people.

The people of Deddington enabled the Chapel to send a gift of love amounting to £200 to an African Church (Sunday attendance 200 plus and growing) to enable a roof to be put on their Church building. Photographs of the Church together with the people will be taken by David Abel and may be seen on his return.

On Saturday 26 September, the Chapel has hired the Windmill Centre for the day. International speaker Revd David Pawson will be in Deddington all day. If you would like a ticket, please contact a Chapel member.

Chapel Harvest 4 October, 11 am and 6 pm.

OBITUARY: Mrs Ellen O'Neill - died 17 July
The family of the late Mrs Ellen O'Neill of Philcote Street wish to express their deepest gratitude to all friends and neighbours following her sudden death on 17 July; for the help given, also offers of help received, from so many quarters. Special thanks to Canon and Mrs Wilson and Mr Arthur Lewis, and for the beautiful floral tribute from the Holly Tree Club members - she was a staunch member of the Club. Much gratitude and appreciation to all who generously donated to the Marie Curie Memorial Foundation.

Michael, Peggy, Frances. Michele, Stella, Karen and their husbands.
Also a much loved and cherished great granddaughter, Amanda.

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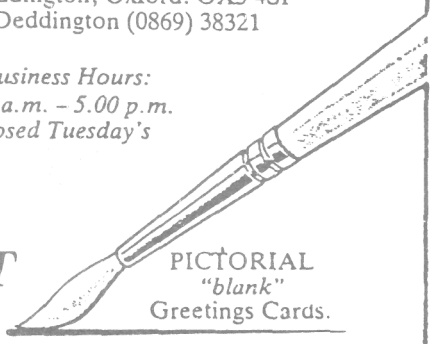

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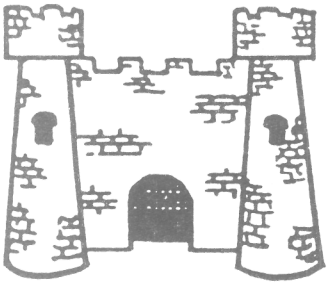

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NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME

We were very taken with the variety and beauty of the gardens which were opened as part of the National Gardens Scheme. The skill and dedication of the gardeners were unmistakable, so we asked them to write a paragraph or two about their experiences. This is what they had to say:

The Old Malt House, Church Street, Deddington - 11 and 12 July

Preparations for the great day involved hard work over many weeks, but the really anxious moment was five minutes before opening time - would anyone come, and would the weather hold? They did, and it did.

We didn't count the visitors, and our takings at the gate didn't tell us because many had already bought tickets at one of the other gardens and were simply waved in. But we estimate that we had about 600 over the two afternoons.

We have opened the garden before under the National Gardens Scheme, but it was the first time we had offered teas. That made a difference, since quite a number of people came just for the tea. We were glad to have them, of course - it was a compliment to the tea- and cake-makers - and it raised another £225 for Church funds.

But most of the visitors were surprisingly keen and knowledgeable gardeners, and they came from far and wide. There was a stream of questions, mainly to identify some plant or describe its habits; and we learnt a lot ourselves from visitors who knew more about some of our plants than we did. The thing we appreciated most was what caring people came and how at the end of it all there was virtually no damage or litter to be cleared up.

Would we do it again? One of our daughters who has just produced her second child commented that opening the garden sounded rather like pregnancy - when you let yourself in for it it's so far into the future that you don't worry at all; as the time draws near you get more and more bothered; in exhaustion when it's all over you swear never again; then quite rapidly you forget the traumas and in retrospect it begins to look like an experience you wouldn't mind repeating after all!

JANE AND BRIAN KELLETT

Glencree, Philcote Street, Deddington - 11 and 12 July

On Saturday 11 July we were greatly relieved to see the sun shining as the previous time we had our garden opened we shivered in the garage as we took the entrance money.

We had a steady stream of visitors all afternoon and likewise on Sunday, and everyone was so appreciative of all the hard work that the owners of the three gardens had put into the operation.

We found the people delightful and it was a pleasure to greet them and find out where they came from. So many of them knew far more about gardening than we did and told us the names of a great many of our plants and shrubs.

Two charming American girls who were staying in Clifton with friends said that their day in Deddington gardens was the highlight of their holiday and tea at The Old Malt House served in china cups was for them an amazing experience as in America all cups at a public function are throw away ones!

We certainly enjoyed our two days and felt at the end of it that we were very happy to have been part of the National Gardens Scheme which does such wonderful charity work.

JOAN AND HEWITT WILSON

Castle End, Castle Street, Deddington - 11 and 12 July

Glasnost or The Open Garden ..... 'Keep off the Grass'. Was there ever such a tyrannical diktat? It must have stamped itself on our youthful souls, so much so that the garden lovers as they enter an open garden whisper 'May we walk on the lawn?' Of course they can and do, benefitting the lawn and the Nurses' Benevolent Fund at every step. And how knowledgeable they are, these garden lovers. We may open our gardens, but they open our minds to the hanging gardens of Babylon. Snatch a phrase or two .... "That clematis can't be Macro Petala." "It's showing off to call tooth-wort 'dentaria'." "Oh, isn't the rambling rector lovely?" "Yes dear, that's 'Hewitt's Double'." "My nan always poured Jeyes Fluid on the roots."

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NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME (continued from page 5)

On and on they came for two balmy days, mostly strangers, many claiming to have visited the other two gardens open in Deddington, polite in their praise, leaving us astonished at their perseverance - and honoured by their presence.

But there are many unsung gardens in Deddington that we should be proud of, as a walk along either side of the Hempton Road will prove. We can see only the front gardens and they are splendid enough now in September, each a well-ordered riot of colour and culture.

Who, Mr Editor, will be bold enough to revive the once famous Deddington Flower Show? (WHAT DO OUR READERS THINK? - Mr and Mrs Ed)

FRANK ROBINS

Stonewalls, Hempton - 19 July

On the morning of Sunday 19 July, my husband and I were beginning to ask each other whose silly idea it was to open our garden for the National Gardens Scheme. The gale force wind had blown down plants which otherwise would have been quite happy, the rain was coming down like stair-rods, the sky was a very uninviting shade of grey and it was cold.

However by 7 pm when we closed the gates we all agreed that our efforts were well rewarded - hearing from quite a number of people that they had been round three times, in spite of the rain, as they were so delighted and that there was so much to see; others who said they had never seen a more cared for garden; those who were interested in the history of the plants; and bumping into some friends of our friends from Cumbria in the shrubbery who were travelling home through Deddington and had spotted the NGS yellow sign.

The following day, which of course was sunny and warm, we couldn't see any evidence that over 500 feet had been walking round the garden. We hope to open the garden again next year - twice.

MRS V ADAMS

The Bottom Line .....

Mrs Winston Fletcher, National Gardens Scheme's County Organiser, said "It has been a wonderful year so far and it's not over yet. We hope to raise about £50,000 altogether. The 'Best Kept Prizewinners' Group - Deddington, Mollington and Souldern - plus Stonewalls at Hempton, raised over £1,000 for NGS, as well as additional sums to support purely local causes. A terrific effort."

APPRECIATION

Many thanks indeed for sending me a copy of the July issue of "The Deddington News". What a splended publication it is, reflecting great credit on all the people who put in so much effort to create an interesting, informative, local magazine. It is certainly the best village news-sheet I have ever seen.

The Bridge Club looks possible with 20 applicants to date, including 2 from Deddington.

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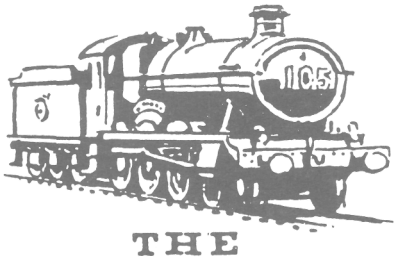

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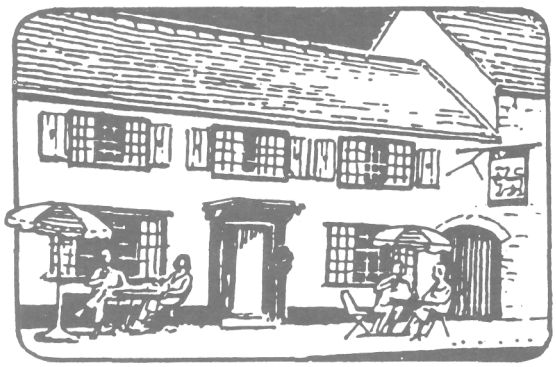

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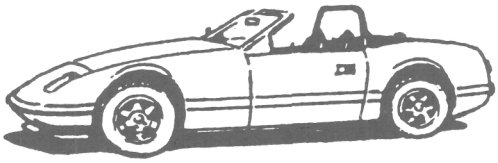

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THE WAY WE WERE - Part 1

Because all the contributors to this popular series have been men, we asked if there were no ladies interested in writing about the daily life of Deddington, long ago. Two fully fledged authors emerged at once - Mrs Lily D Hill, nee Gardner, and Mrs Jeanne Wales, nee Rule. In their different styles, they bring the past alive

A VILLAGE AS DEAD AS ITS NAME?

by Lily D. Hill

I spent the first 21 years of my life in Deddington. Now approaching my mid 70s, I read the News every month. So many varied and interesting activities going on there now that my mind boggles. I compare it with the way we were in my young days. What had been a thriving Market Town for centuries had deteriorated until it was known for miles around as 'the village as dead as its name'.

I remember my father saying that it was a sad day the last time the Horse Fair was held in Deddington. I was with him on that occasion - I was probably about 6 or 7 years old - and the horses couldn't have numbered more than a dozen or twenty. My father, a good judge of horses, said there was nothing worth buying.

The Horse Fair was held annually on 22 November, commonly called Pudding Pie Fair Day because there was traditionally a special pudding made for that day. I never did find out what sort of pudding it was - the custom had died out so long ago that even my mother didn't have any first hand knowledge of it.(Perhaps one of our readers can tell us the recipe - Eds.)

I was born in Philcote Street, just a few doors from where Bill and Freda Ivings live now. When I was barely 5 my father took on the tenancy of a farm in Council Street - now much more appropriately called Hopcraft Lane. I believe that Solar Designs now occupy the site.

My father, a blacksmith by trade, had his own forge built and carried on the business alongside of farming. Life was great fun for those of us who, out of school hours, had nothing to do but play. But for women, life was very hard.

Imagine Monday mornings, washing for nine. First the huge old built-in copper had to be filled with buckets of water from the pump. Then the fire was lit under the copper and fed all the time with wood and coal slack to keep the clothes boiling - these, of course, having been first rubbed hard and vigorously with carbolic. So much soap and elbow grease!

When boiling and rinsing was finished, the 'wringer' came into its own. This was an iron built contraption with thick wooden rollers (the 'mangle') operated by turning a large wheel-- by hand, needless to say. It was so tiring on arms and backs after all that hard rubbing done bending over the zinc washing trays. The whole operation represented 6-7 hours for two women. What would our mothers think of today's automatic machines?

There was a bonus, though, that mother delighted in. Each springtime, when the fruit trees were in full bloom, clothes lines would be strung from tree to tree across the orchard. To get into bed at night between white linen sheets impregnated with the scent of apple blossom - that is something I shall never forget. No manufacturer will be able to capture that fragrance in a packet of powder or a bottle of liquid.

No household items were stainless. Knives had to be rubbed daily in brick dust. Spoons, forks etc had to be cleaned and polished at frequent intervals, as well as any copper or brass such as the warming pan, kettle, flat irons, fender and so on. It was no idle saying that woman's work is never done.

How primitive life was then, compared to now. Going to the lavatory, for us, entailed a walk across the farmyard as well as along the garden path. But our lavatory, I think, was quite unique. At least, we never heard that anyone else had one like it. You see, ours was a three-seater, designed for two adults and a child. Most people did at least have a bucket emptied weekly by Mr Joe Canning doing the rounds with his cess cart. Not so for us. Underneath the wooden

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3-seater was merely a pit, which Joe emptied, by special arrangement with my father, as and when necessary and always in the evening time. After such an unsalubrious task, Joe was always fortified with a stiff dose of Whiskey.

Perhaps in a future issue I may write about 'having the sweep'. (Yes please -- Eds)

PRODIGIOUS PLEASURE AND SOCIAL SATISFACTION

by Jeanne Wales

"Come on Ladies. We need to hear from you." That's what the editors said. Gosh! can I really be a part of all this? I lived in Deddington from 1928 to 1957 and my mother and father were there a few years earlier. They both loved the village and worked hard towards its welfare. The 'News' is full of interest and the hard work being done to keep everyone joining in and caring for OUR village. It reminds me of how close together we all were, and not only in the war years.

Does anyone remember the Concerts we used to have in the School? I have a programme here, in front of me, printed by Rev Frost, as they always were. "A Programme of Prodigious Pleasure and Social Satisfaction" - oh, the memory of it makes me smile and brings tears at the same time.

November 30th 1951 at 7 pm, Mrs Smithen and her Ladies and my own dancing pupils. Mesdames Gardner, Jennings, Plumbe, Garrett, Castle, Sykes, Skidmore, Foreman and Shrewsbury. Great memories, and great times shared.

My father told me of the Concert he attended at the School, when some dear boy sprinkled pepper on the slow combustion stove. Those at the back started sneezing and so it spread towards the stage, where the artists were overcome as well. Not a dry eye in the house.

In the years before the war, High Street and New Street were much quieter. I remember a very icy road one evening. My aunt ventured to cross it and fell down in the middle. My dear mother shouted "Don't worry Ethel. I'll come and help you." She did - but fell on top of Auntie and there they were, in a heap, laughing uncontrollably for some time. It was my turn to drag them off. The point is that you had time then to fall down in the High Street, and regain control, and still not get run over. But not today.

Before the war, too, we enjoyed the Huntsmen coming into the Market Square, where the Meet was held. Two hours off school to go along and see the gathering - that was a great event for us. The Council men had quite a busy time cleaning up after all those dogs and horses.

The Bowling Green was a very happy place for my father. As Mr Fred Deely well remembers, they rolled up many a good wood together. Having played this game myself these past few years, I can appreciate their enjoyment. How tiresome we must have been on the tennis courts adjoining you. Our tennis balls came trundling underneath the surrounding netting and into a good head of bowls - not once but many times. Thank you for your patience, Fred.

If you would like it, I could write in a future issue about Deddington in war time. (You bet! - Eds)

DEDDINGTON CHURCH CLOCK

You are probably aware that the church clock no longer strikes the hours and that in the future, for various reasons, there will be no volunteers to wind it. In order to instal an automatic winding gear and to renovate the striking mechanism, a sum of around £3,500 is required. To raise this, our Fundraising Committee will run a grand raffle which will be drawn at a Christmas Bazaar and it will also promote a 50/50 Auction and a Midsummer Fair in 1988. The clock is used by all of us, is a focal point and part of village life - which makes it your clock! Therefore our Committee is certain that we can count on everyone's support.

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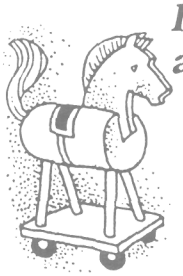

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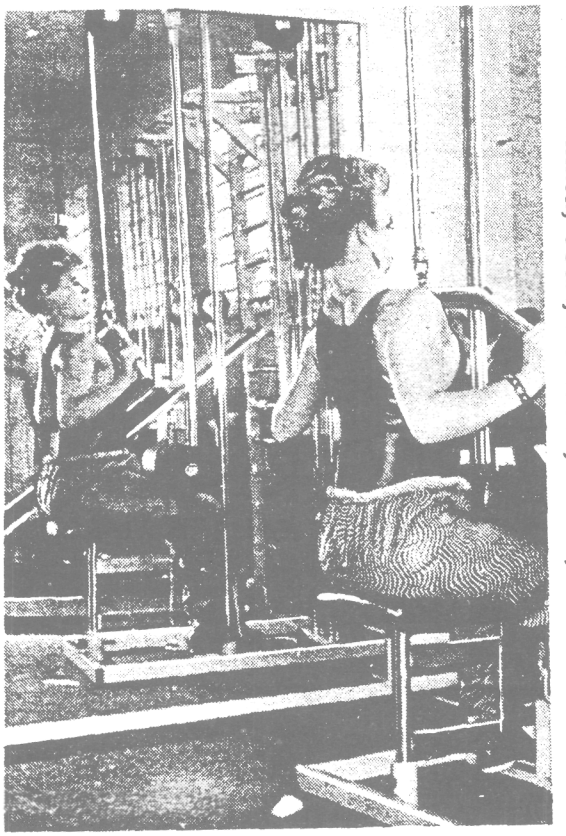

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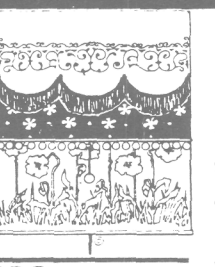

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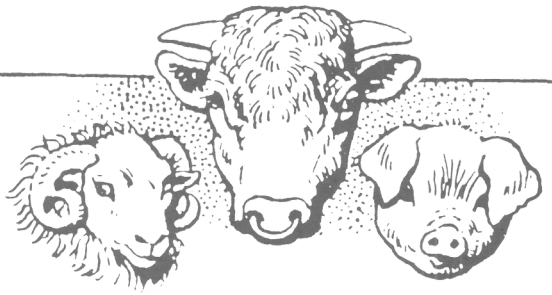

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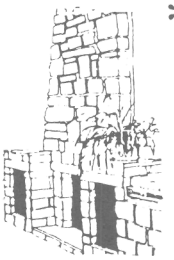

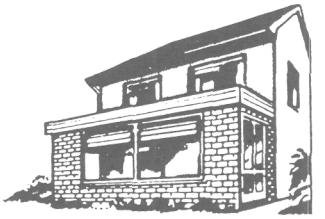

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Fire Calls Since the July issue we have received 36 calls which were 4 car fires, 1 lorry fire, 3 road traffic accidents, 1 bandstand in People's Park on fire, 1 stubble fire, 1 field of mown hay on fire, 1 cow stuck in a ditch, 1 rubbish fire, 1 call to a car with a leaking petrol tank parked very close to a house and petrol vapours creating a very explosive atmosphere, 1 false alarm with good intent, 15 calls to false alarms on automatic systems and 6 calls to stand by at Banbury Fire Station. This year's total so far is 120.

Recruitment We have had one more recruit who is now undergoing induction training before being able to turn out to fires. Unfortunately we have also lost one of our members - David Page - who worked in the village but lived at Hook Norton. But he is not lost to the Brigade because he now works at Hook Norton and has transferred to the Station there where he gives 24 hour cover. Still, it does mean that Deddington needs more personnel.

Stubble Fires The local farming community are to be congratulated, for although a lot of burning of stubble has been going on, we have had only one call to stubble, and this was not the fault of the farmer but spread from a fire in an adjacent garden, and so it looks as if the farmers are abiding by the stubble burning code and none of the burning is getting out of hand.

Forthcoming Events On Saturday 24 October we will be holding our third Annual Cabaret/Dance at General Foods Social Club, Banbury. This is a joint venture between Banbury firestation and ourselves and is proving to be very popular. This year a group called 'Revival' plays music from the 60's, and the cabaret artiste is Jill Alex, a top comedienne. Tickets, £3.50 each including buffet, will be available soon from fireservice personnel. A coach will run from Deddington, fare to be determined according to the number of passengers on the night.

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COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES

Deddington, Windmill Centre

Sheila Wood's upholstery classes will be starting in Deddington from Wednesday 23 September. This practical course runs for 10 successive Wednesdays, 10 am to 12 noon, at the Windmill Centre. Although the official enrolment date is past, it is worth telephoning Banbury 52227 - you may still be lucky.

Hook Norton Community Centre

Classes start on 21 September in the Primary School. To check on vacancies, ring Linda Buchanan, 0608 730052 or (WEA classes only) Joyce Ferlie, 0608 737842.

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Mon.		Painting & Drawing	Pre-school child development (WEA): creative embroidery: men's keep fit: Romano-British archaeology (WEA): upholstery.
Tues.	Coffee shop. Microwave demo 3 Nov (1 morning)	Bridge	Music appreciation (WEA): typing: ladies work out: picture framing: flower arranging: Xmas decorations: poster making.
Wed.	Modern literature (WEA)	Britain Today (WEA)	Dressmaking: Chinese cookery: calligraphy: French conversation: Italian cookery: yoga.
Thurs.	Yoga	Pewterwork	Wildlife & conservation: painting & drawing: Italian conversation: church tower bell ringing: yoga: adult literacy.

Sat. 3 Oct: Day visit - Ryton Gardens, National Centre for Organic Gardening.
Day Schools: Sat. 7 Nov - Patchwork Day School: Sat. 28 Nov - Chocolate Sweetmaking: Friday 4 Dec - Christmas Cake icing.

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERT IN DEDDINGTON PARISH CHURCH

On Saturday, 10 October, at 7.30 pm, there will be a concert by the Spirito Ensemble Chamber Orchestra (Director and Solo Cellist, Jonathan Beecher) in Deddington Parish Church. The programme will be:

Villa-Lobos	- Bachianas Brasilieras No. 5 for Soprano and 8 cellos (Solo Soprano - Juliet Rudolf)
Haydn	- Cello Concerto in D major (Solo Cello - Jonathan Beecher)
Marcello	- Oboe Concerto in D minor (Solo Oboe - Rachel Porter)
Grieg	- Holberg Suite
Elgar	- Serenade for String Orchestra in E minor, Op 20.

An added feature of the evening will be a display of work by textile artist, Roz Arno: a selection of recent small pictures and wall hangings using batik, machine embroidery and quilting techniques. Roz is based at Cirencester Craft Workshops, and this is the second occasion on which she has prepared a display for a concert by the Spirito Ensemble Orchestra.

Tickets, price £2.50, to include refreshments (concessions only to school children - £1.50) can be obtained in advance from Tuckers Stores, Market Place, Deddington (0869 38215), or at the door.

Jonathan Beecher, a freelance solo cellist based in Oxford, is no stranger to Deddington, having given duo recitals in the church on two occasions in the past. His work frequently takes him abroad, and recent tours have included France, Belgium and Germany. Three years ago he founded the Spirito Ensemble Orchestra which has a main core of string players, joined for some works by a wind section.

As well as concerts in this country, the group has undertaken two successful summer tours of the Dordogne and Germany. The Spirito Ensemble has also been invited to take part in an exchange with an orchestra from Darmstadt, Germany.

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FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

In our last issue, we left our intrepid traveller recovering from 'flu in Tianjin and just able to collect his return ticket (in three languages) from PEKING TO BERLIN via ULAN BATOR, MOSCOW AND WARSAW. Now read on ....

We rise at 4.30 am on the Wednesday morning to catch the train for Europe and head for the station in a bright clear dawn clutching our packed breakfast boxes. We are on the 'Chinese' train which departs each Wednesday and is said to be superior to the 'Russian' train which leaves on a Saturday. The train has 14 carriages and a dining car. Each carriage houses 36 people in 9 compartments, 4 bunks to each compartment and a separate room for 2 provodniks (providers) who issue the bedlinen, blankets, tea mugs with lids , top bunk safety straps, clean the toilets and corridors and stoke the coal fires to provide carriage heat and hot water in a samovar for an endless supply of tea. The gangway had let-down 'usherette' type seats on the wall. I shared a compartment with an ascetic though youthful gentleman from the less comprehensible part of Scotland. We had top bunks. The lower bunks were occupied by two Mexican ladies, spinster sisters of uncertain vintage and prim disposition. We ran an organised compartment by mutual consent, thus avoiding the occasional friction which close confinement for many days and nights inflicted upon others.

Breakfast is a confused meal as only the dining car staff seem to know whether the clocks went back by one or two hours each night. It is a struggle to reach the dining car through 7 or 8 rocking carriages and the crashing, heaving tarpaulin-covered tunnels that link the cars. We negotiate in advance for meals for the 36 people in our compartment each time we change territory. Two days of a Chinese dining car, 24 hours a Mongolian and 5 days of a Russian. There are 3 meals a day costing £1.50 each so the standard is not the Ritz nor even BR. We have a small logistics problem. Having heard rumours that the train would be dry in Mr Gorbachov's Russia, two enterprising Yorkshiremen have organised 50 crates of beer. These now have to be distributed round all the compartments into the luggage space below the bottom bunks.

Leaving Beijing, we travel initially through flat, rolling, prolifically cultivated farmland heading northwest and into the granite hills where we catch glimpses of the Great Wall again. Later the farm land and hills change to semi-cultivated steppe rolling endlessly to the horizon. There are infrequent tiny villages and occasionally a single peasant on his knees in a thousand acres of loneliness. We breakfast (Chinese) on dumpling, hard boiled egg and sago pudding: lunch and dinner mixed wok vegetables and rice. Towards nightfall we reach the southeast corner of the Mongolian desert and encounter a sandstorm before we can close the windows. The far end of the carriage blots out in a grey, brown pall and it's in our clothes, hair and beds.

We stop for 2½ hours at Erlian on the N China borders where we have an unpleasant half hour with the Border Control Police because some of our people have mislaid their currency declaration forms. Crews take the train to a shed where the carriages are jacked up and the bogeys changed for Russian (1" wider). We pass through the Gobi desert by night. The dining car feeds only the 60 or so Westeners aboard, the 300 others - Russian, Mongols - are not allowed to fraternise but alight at the wayside halts to buy dark bread, cake HB eggs, smoked sausage and fish. Young European students visit us mainly I suspect to scrounge beer and I wander the length of the train at intervals to find English speaking Russians and Chinese. The train climbs to 5000 feet towards Ulan Bator. Here we see occasional lonely horsemen shepherding yak, deer or horses and little encampments of black tents appear in view. Snow lies in sheltered places.

After 3 days we arrive at the Russian border town of Nalushchi. A lady doctor in worn clothing and tea cosy hat comes aboard to check the foreigners' health, then Nadia, the Intourist lady, a stunning brunette, comes to welcome us to Russia. Neatly dressed but severe looking soldiers - Border Guards - (KGB associates) clomp aboard and shout at us "Get back into the compartments".

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We become lambs and I feel a slight apprehension. The guards demand our passports and employ the Russian 'stare' technique which is a little unnverving. The guard holds the passport at arm's length near one's face. He looks at the passport photo for what seems like 10 seconds. He then transfers this unblinking stare to one's own face for a further 10 seconds. All one can do is to contort one's features into the idiotic expression portrayed on one's passport whilst resisting the desire to cringe and say "Good morning sir". We change £800 of our money to buy meals on the train. The Russians are desperate for hard (Western) currency but in their inefficiency they have only one Rouble notes available so we return from the 'Bureau de Change' with pockets bulging like a hamster. The guards have removed our passports for a closer two hour inspection in their HQ.

We continue north to Lake Baikal, the deepest lake in the world and which is still frozen over (mid May) from the Siberian winter. We now have a Russian dining car. I negotiate meals for the memainder of the journey with Irina - the 'director' - and Vladimir - the head waiter. They have ten words of English and I have two of Russian but my Berlitz phrase book is a great help.

The scenery is very beautiful in this part of Siberia; snowy mountains, pine, fir, and birch trees and misty valleys but the train is becoming very cold and we prevail upon our provodnik to fire the coal stove which trickles a thin heat into the carriage about 5 hours later.

The meals are small, mediocre but passable but a grand opportunity to stretch one's legs, change conversation companions and see who is new on the train. Typical supper might be a tinned sprat on black bread, soup (thin beetroot), plum juice, rissole, potato, peas. The peas are cooked but poured cold straight from a tin onto the plate.

We head West, the country becomes once again steppe like and with small wooden villages every three hours or so - the birch and pine trees still proliferate but otherwise the land is flat to the far horizon. Most of the villages have two room houses and unmade roads. Life in winter must be terrible.

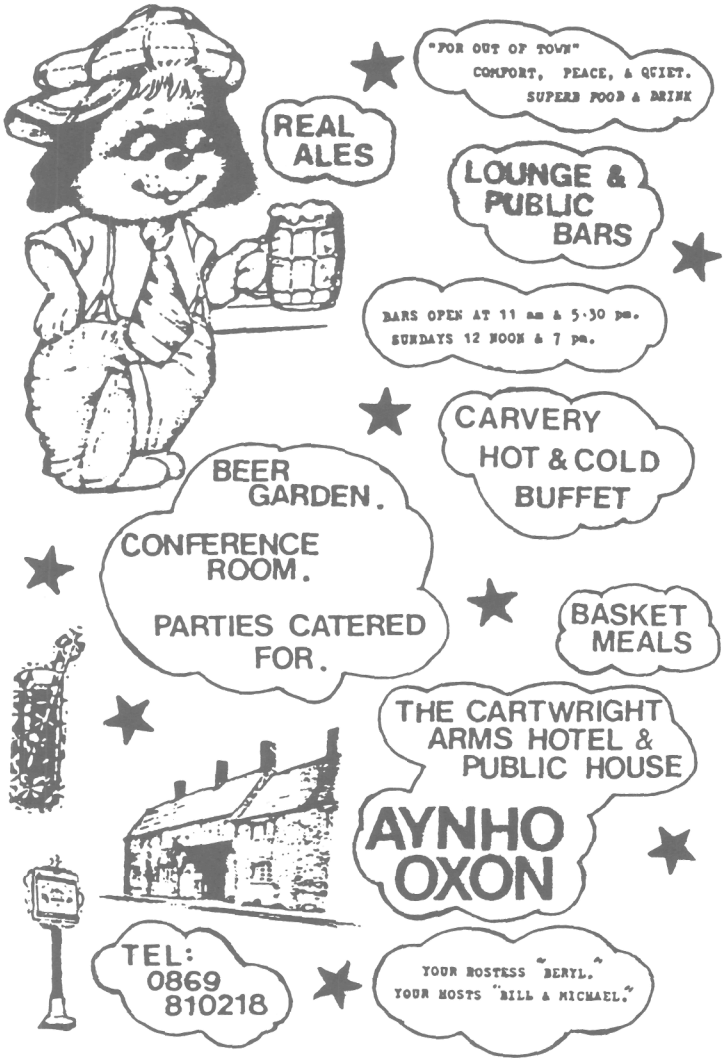
On one evening an earnest young Chinese lady gives a concert (as a form of practice) in the dining car. Her instrument is a 5 string classical Chinese guitar called a Bee Pa. It produced the most beautiful music. Her audience was 60 people from at least 10 nations.

(TO BE CONCLUDED IN OUR NEXT ISSUE - Eds)

THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT ....

About four o'clock one morning, I was awakened by a knock at my front door. Perhaps I had dreamt it? But there came another knock, and another. By that time my heart was pounding, and my blood pressure had gone sky high. Thoughts raced through my mind. Well, burglars don't knock - perhaps someone is ill and help is needed. Donning my slippers and dressing gown, I crept downstairs. I peeped through the curtains. Yes, there was someone there. I called out "Who is it?" The reply came "Police". Heart still thumping, thoughts again racing - family - accident - hospital - or worse! I unlocked the door and opened it a crack. Sure enough there were two police officers standing there. After some conversation we found that they had come to the wrong 'Corner House' (there are so many in Deddington). They were following up a 999 call about a suspected prowler. After re-directing them and accepting their profuse apologies, making a cup of tea, and waiting for the blood pressure to subside, and in spite of a disturbed night, I began to think about all those who keep watch over us, while we sleep. Our police force, the fire brigade, hospitals, doctors and nurses, the Samaritans, and many others. How grateful we should be for our Watchers in the Night.

H HALL



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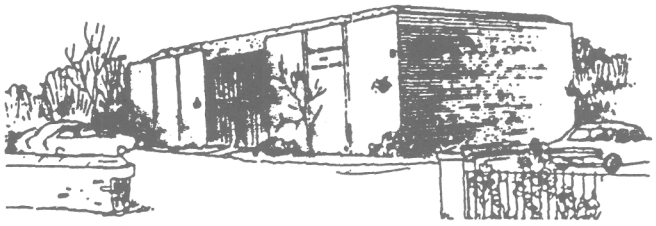

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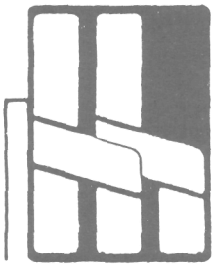

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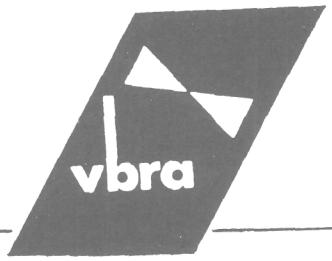

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We have not had a meeting in August , but members have been on two very pleasant outings. The first was to Lower Grounds Farm, Adderbury, where we had received an invitation by Mr and Mrs Robert Stilgoe to see the farm and have a ploughman's supper. The evening was a bit damp, but the welcome was wonderful. Members saw the farm and were taken round on a wagon to see what was growing, and had other things explained to them. After that Mrs June Stilgoe provided a splendid supper, and everyone enjoyed the outing very much. We would like to thank Mr and Mrs Stilgoe for being so hospitable and kind. It was a very good outing.

The other trip was to Denman College. For the past year or so all the Institutes in the country have tried to raise funds to keep and restore the College, which was in danger of having to be closed. Now that the greater part of the money needed has been raised and the work of restoration is well in hand, Institutes have been invited to see for themselves what has been done. A coach of Deddington members had a day there and enjoyed a tour of the buildings and the grounds. We all hope that Denman College will continue to flourish. Members who have attended courses there invariably come back refreshed and full of enthusiasm and a wish to go again.

Annual Market Stall, Saturday 19 September at 9.30 am You are invited to come and support us and we very much hope for contributions of cakes, produce and White Elephants. Mrs Ivings and Mrs Elsley will be pleased to take contributions at any time.

Monthly meeting, 13 October. Mr J Bryce will talk on 'The Beauty of Trees'. Do come and join us or come as visitors to see what our meetings are like.

MARIANNE ELSLEY 38251

BOWLS

July and August have been busy months for the Club, with two matches most weeks, in addition to the Club Competitions being played. In the matches played our fortunes have varied, with wins being recorded against Middle Barton, Chandos Park (Buckingham), Chadlington and Burma Star. We did not manage to beat Chandos Park in the return fixture and have also suffered defeats at the hands of Banbury Borough, Adderbury, Banbury Central, Bloxham and Chipping Norton. A number of fixtures are still left on the calendar.

Cherwell District Council has approved the erection of our proposed new club house. This means our fund-raising efforts earlier in the year have put us well on target towards having new premises for next season.

We were pleased to be able to support Deddington Football Club at their Centenary Celebrations. Ken Bowen and his team of helpers organised a Target Bowls competition. Their preparations for the event included mowing an area of the Windmill Centre field, which they found to be somewhat undulating compared to our own facilities. Still an enjoyable time was had by all. Neither of the competition winners was a club member but one of them has since been a regular visitor to our Earls Lane Green.

GEOFF TODD 38532

MOTHER'S UNION

Meals on Wheels Holiday Service I would like to thank the two ladies who responded to my request to join our happy band of cooks for the holiday period. I am afraid the Banbury Guardian misinterpreted the article in July's Deddington News. It was not meant for helpers outside Deddington and we are by no means desperate, but it is always nice to have a reserve, especially during the August holidays when some of our regular cooks are away. Although this service is organised by the Mothers Union, we are not restricted to member cooks only, and I should be very happy to hear from anyone else in Deddington who would be willing to join my rota for the future holiday periods.

JOYCE HARPER 38425

HOLLY TREE CLUB

A lovely day was spent at Southsea on 5 August. The weather (as usual for us) was absolutely perfect. Our members were joined by loyal friends and supporters, who I am sure, enjoyed the day as much as did the Club members.

Sadly, although nobody allowed it to mar the day, we had thoughts of my dear mother who had so recently died and who had been looking forward to the trip so much. She was a loyal and staunch member of the Club and will be missed, especially at 'her table' at the clubroom, where she very much 'ruled the roost'. However we all put on a good front and battled on as she had for nearly 91 years. She had lived in London's Dockland area, very much a 'target for tonight' during the 1914-18 and second world wars; seeing a German Zeppelin brought down in flames over Cuffley (Herts) from her top bedroom window after bombing her area; watching Leefe Robinson VC battling in his lone aircraft over the Thames Estuary against German aircraft. All this whilst her husband to be (my father) was in the Royal Field Artillery taking ammunition to the lines in Ypres, Somme, Verdun etc. She was working in a food factory packing the troops' rations, working 12 to 14 hours a day, handling all the food but knowing that there would be very little, if any, in the shops for herself, her widowed mother and young brothers, when she went home. Then of course spending 8 months in air raid shelters and the crypt of a local church during the blitz on London. I could go on and on, but she had worked hard in her young days and known real hardship - not as we know it today. As a great many of us know, the 20s and 30s were hard years but in spite of it all, she lived to be proud of her son Michael (my brother) and his daughters, her crowning joy being the birth of her first great granddaughter, just weeks before her 90th birthday. Sadly she died just three weeks before Amanda's first birthday. Yes, we will all miss her - may God grant her eternal rest and peace.

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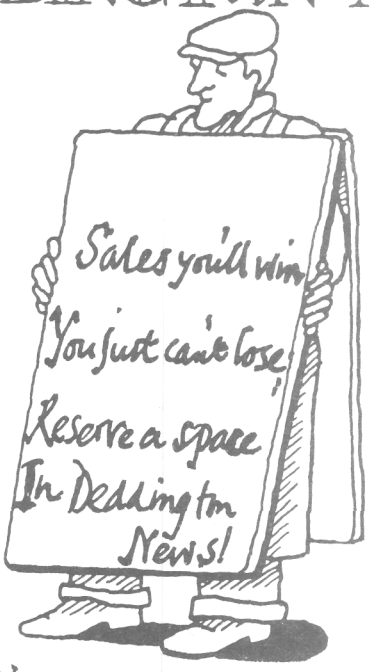

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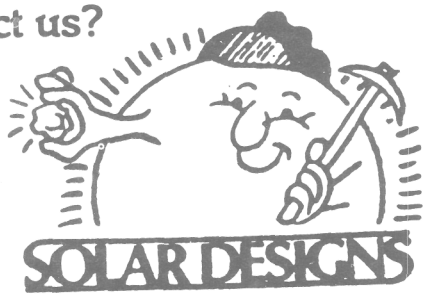

DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

Since the last issue of Deddington News several events have taken place as part of our Centenary Celebrations.

On 1 August our 6-a-side competition and fete at theWindmill was a great success. A large crowd, including some of Deddington's oldest players, were attracted to the event which had several sideshows. The club would like to thank the Deddington Fire Service, Bowls Club and Windmill Capital Fund for making the effort so successful. The bar was open throughout and a mounted exhibition of photographs and memorabilia going back to 1912 was on display. Not only was the day a success off the field, on it Deddington's 1st Team beat Adderbury 3-0, Barford United 5-0, and drew 3-3 with Heyford to top their preliminary group. In the quarter finals they overcame Hornton 4-0, and met fellow Deddington side Solar Designs in the semi finals, running out 1-0 victors. In the final we were beaten 1-2 by a strong Souldern side and the Frank Nash Memorial Cup was presented to the victors by the past Deddington FC Chairman and long-standing county official, Mr Charlie Rawlings.

In the evening a disco was held and although the Windmill bar staff struggled to cope with the strong demand for refreshments, everything went well. During the evening, presentations for the 1986/7 season were made as follows:

Players' 'Player of the Season'	Gareth Smith
1st Team 'Player of the Season'	Richard Cowley
Reserve Team 'Player of the Season'	Chris Hill
1st Team Top Scorer	Tony Gaw
Reserve Team Top Scorer	Micky Spiers
Clubman of the Year	Les Burton
Supporter of the Year	Sam Keys

The following Friday the fixture everyone was been waiting for finally took place. Oxford United came to Deddington and although the event was perhaps not as well supported as it might have been, the fixture was a success. Despite the scoreline, everybody enjoyed the occasion and proceeds (thought to be around £60) will go to the Deddington Playgroup. Two members of the Oxford United side had actually played for the first team in Division One (Sean Reck and John Dreyer) and they gave a convincing team performance going 5-0 up at half-time. After half-time the Deddington team was changed around considerably to give everyone a chance to play against the First Division side. Oxford pushed hard throughout the match and ran out 14-0 victors. Referee Keith Fuller did a good job and after the game congratulated Deddington on the organisation of the match and the spirit in which it was played. Players and officials from both sides gathered with spectators after the game in the British Legion for an after-match drink and food laid on by Sandra Keys.

On Wednesday 19 August a third event to mark the Centenary took place at the Castle Grounds. Deddington's present 1st Team squad played a friendly against a squad of over 30 ex Deddington players brought together by Dave Coleman. A good crowd turned up to see the likes of Pete and Dave Coleman, Percy Stratford, Brian Clarke, George Brain, Bill Smith, Pete Norton, Val Smith, Alan Humphries, Ken Moignard, Pete Simons, Willie Keys, Chris Tomkins, Billy Garrett, Kenny and Maurice Stephenson, Cliff Harper (and several more) take on the present Deddington side. During the match a raffle was held, the main prize for which was a signed football provided by Oxford United. £30 was collected and this is to be donated to the Hornton Hospital Accident and Emergency Unit Appeal. At the final whistle youth and fitness showed through and the present side won 9-0. Players and spectators then went to the British Legion where food was once again provided.

The Club would like to thank all those who supported the above Centenary events, especially those who donated raffle prizes and who helped in any way.

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DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB (continued from page 15)

Aside from the Centenary celebrations, Deddington are planning to make this season a successful one in other ways. John Stiff has been appointed General Manager of both teams, with Tony Gaw 1st Team assistant and Glen Shaw reserve team assistant.

Training now takes place at the Castle Grounds every Tuesday at about 6 pm (anyone interested, come along) and so far the weekly turnout has been excellent.

Apart from Deddington 6-a-side where we were runners-up, we also took part in a larger 6-a-side competition at Heyford where we reached the quarter finals. In a friendly match against Barford United we lost 1-4.

Fixtures for the rest of September

19th	1st Team	(A)	v	Cropredy Res.
	Reserves	(H)	v	Comrades
26th	1st Team	(A)	v	Grimsbury Res.
	Reserves	(H)	v	Halse United

Kick off 2.30 pm. Please come along and support your local team in their Centenary season.

MATTHEW SMITH 38647

SOLAR DESIGNS FOOTBALL CLUB

Our end of season dance recently held at the Old School House, Bloxham, was attended by some 90 people, those being players and supporters of this up-and-coming football club.

The annual awards were presented by Mr M Addison, the league secretary, and the winners for 1986/7 awards were as follows:

Top goal scorer	M Spiers
Most Improved player	A Shepherd
Bill Dunn award for the most consistent player	M Hayward
Players' Player of the Year	C Franklin
Player of the Year	M Hayward

Trainer Bill Dunn was presented with a new trainer's bag in the club colours: Debbie Fairns with a bouquet of flowers from the players: Arthur and Debbie Fairns with a meal for two at Bloxham House School, courtesy of the club chairman, Dennis Allen: and Jill and Dennis Allen with identical bears dressed in the club colours for their twin babies Thomas and Max.

Running for Deddington

A team of runners entered the Witney 10 mile run on 14 June, to raise money for the repairs to the pavilion at the Castle Grounds. Both SDFC and DTFC members took part and individual runners were sponsored by companies including Les Burton, Westlake Asphalt and Dulakes Estate Agents. Grateful thanks to them and also everybody who sponsored winners at this event. Sponsorship total was in the region of £250. Well done to everybody who took part.

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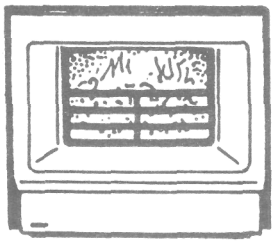

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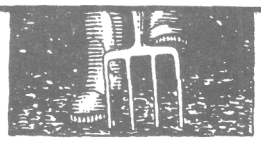

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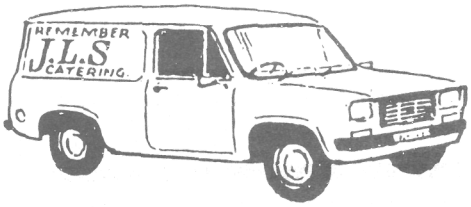

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BROWNIES

We have had a busy summer term. Amy Johnson, Janine Gower, and Charlotte and Michelle Cross have joined the Pack: also Sheena Morris who transferred from 1st Bodicote Brownies. The Pack went to the St George's Day Parade in Banbury in April; one or two helped with the Car Wash the same weekend: we also helped on the Scout and Guide stalls at the Spring Fayre and Opening at the Windmill Centre in May. We finished collecting the money for the sponsored Kim's Game that was held at the end of March in aid of our Guide Region's new Outdoor Activity and Training Centre in Norfolk and found that our Pack had raised the magnificent total of £158.56. Very many thanks to all parents and friends who supported us so generously. Louisa May won the prize for the most points, and Dawn Crichton raised the most money.

Brownie Revels were in May at Mrs Fenemore's in Clifton. To our surprise, we WON after an enjoyable afternoon of inter-pack competition. This was a particularly good effort as only 13 out of our 24 Brownies were able to come. This rather reflects the way things have been this year:- most Brownies able to come regularly to the Tuesday meetings, but far fewer available for weekend activities.

A lot of our time last term and this has been taken up with the Octopussy Challenge devised by our Region. This was a set of 8 different activities, adding a leg to an octopus each time we completed. Those Packs who finished - about 70 in Oxfordshire - went to a Fun Day at Abingdon in July. It turned out to be a roasting hot afternoon but our Brownies were a credit to themselves and coped really well. Guide Sarah Brown came to help at very short notice and I could not have done without her - thank you, Sarah. We finished the summer term with our usual swim, this time by kind invitation of Mrs Gaunt. Nine Brownies passed their Swimmer's badge.

Next term starts for Brownies on Tuesday 15 September at the Windmill Centre at 5.15 pm as usual. Subs will be 40p a week. We have a few places, so if anybody would like to join, please contact me, Pam Dancer or Sue Ward.

VIVIEN PLEYDELL-BOUVERIE 38269

GUIDES

Looking back to the end of last term, our last few meetings were quite eventful. One evening we went to Nether Worton and spent an enjoyable, often hilarious, if chilly time making 'A' frames with staves and trying to cross the stream without getting wet feet! This was followed by a warming up game of rounders and some goodies.

The following week we had a visit from our local Rangers and their leader . More hilarity! This time making stretchers - with a Ranger in each team. The amazing devices were then put to the test in a race. Each stretcher had to be carried bearing a 'patient' who in most cases needed first aid by the end if not before the race! The Rangers then challenged us to see if we could get more people in a skipping rope than them. I think we won! We rounded off the evening with an informal talk about Rangers and their activities and a chance to answer questions.

During our last meeting we abandoned uniform in favour of something totally tasteless. The outfits had to be seen to be believed and dark glasses were the order of the evening! We managed in spite of this to get some serious badge work finished, then had crazy games and pop.

One Sunday in July about 12 guides took part in the Patrol Competition. We had hoped for a better turnout but those that did go and represent their Patrols did extremely well. Guides were there from all over the Division (Banbury area) and they all took part in a variety of activities, including knotting, tracking, knitting with poles, putting up tents one-handed etc. It was a very enjoyable afternoon.

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GUIDES (continued from page 17)

The action didn't stop with the school holidays. Debbie Gattley and Leonie Amond took some of their Patrol members to camp for the weekend in the most miserable weather. However they managed to keep smiling and have some fun. We followed them on the Monday with a 5 day company camp. Twelve guides camped there - again in rather gloomy weather and we didn't let it stop us doing much.

We had a beautiful, quiet site on Dane Hill Farm and managed to fit in a lot of games and activities. These included making shelters, fire-lighting races, semaphore, codes, string trails in the dark, exploring, obstacle races etc. etc. We had some fun and learnt a lot of new skills and new cooking methods. On the last night we had a super campfire and gave thank-you gifts to everyone who helped us during the week. Thanks to Jane Hooper, Pat Brown, Jill Cheeseman and Chrissie Garrett who gave up a lot of time to help us on the site. Special thanks to Mrs Ivy Gorton - retired Adderbury Guider and local camp adviser, without whom we couldn't have gone to camp. Thanks too go to Mr Jeremy Taylor and Mr Clive Busby for allowing us to use the site, and to Alyson Fenemore, our hardworking, reliable young leader.
Several senior guides helped with Rainbow Club during the holidays - well done to them.

During the last term we have been very pleased to welcome 5 Adderbury guides to our meetings. They will remain with us until we can re-establish their company in Adderbury.

Dates for your diary
Tuesday 15 September 7 pm - 9 pm First guide meeting.
Sunday 27 September 2.30 pm - 5 pm P.Ls. training day, Banbury.

MAGGIE RAMPLEY 0295 810069

SCOUTS

After a few mad evenings, the break of the school holidays was a relief. Standing on the bank of the river Swere at Barford, thanks to permission from Mr and Mrs Lovell, it was a case of looking the other way while the Scouts tried their hand at coming down the rope bridge: waiting for the splash which showed that they didn't make the bank, or looking at the faces as they held on like grim death while attempting to overcome the force of gravity without luck. As most of these things end, nearly everyone was wet except the leaders but that wasn't for the want of trying.

Our pioneering expertise was put to good use building rope bridges for both the Deddington and Warriner School Fetes to raise funds for the PTAs.

With the Guides we embarked on a night hike. The party of about 25 set off by minibus and cars from the Windmill Centre at 10.30 pm one fine Friday night and were taken to Swalcliffe Lea where they started to walk. The hike took the party almost to Brailes before making their way back. There were several points where they were met and those who wished were taken to Bodicote Scout Hut to sleep. The group got smaller until at last they rolled into Bodicote at 7 am after 18 or so miles, tired bu pleased. After breakfast parents came and collected them. "When is the next one?" "Can we do it again?" "That was good." Those were the questions. The answer will come when the leaders have recovered!

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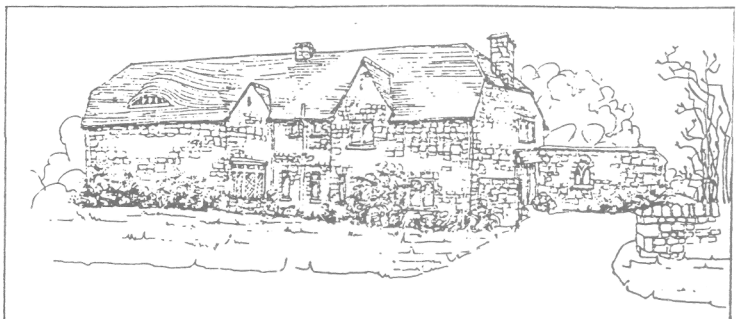

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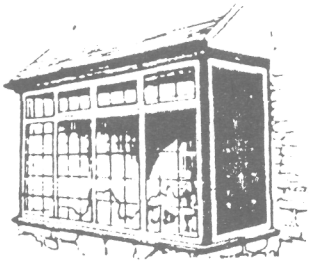

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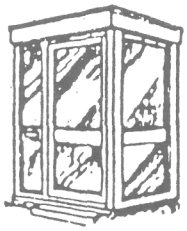

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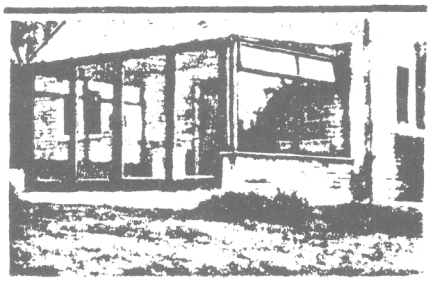

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